

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 3, wherein step (D) includes~~ A method of making a tension member for use in an elevator system, comprising:

(A) arranging a plurality of wires (40) into at least one strand (42);

(B) arranging a plurality of the strands (42) into at least one cord (46);

(C) determining that there is at least one broken wire end protruding from at least one of the strands (42) or at least one of the cords (46) while performing steps (A) and (B); and

(D) manipulating the broken wire end (44, 54) to prevent the wire end from protruding including securing the broken wire end (44, 54) against an outer surface of the corresponding strand (42) or cord (44) by brazing the wire end (44, 54) to a portion of at least one adjacent unbroken wire.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 3, wherein step (D) includes~~ A method of making a tension member for use in an elevator system, comprising:

(A) arranging a plurality of wires (40) into at least one strand (42);

(B) arranging a plurality of the strands (42) into at least one cord (46);

(C) determining that there is at least one broken wire end protruding from at least one of the strands (42) or at least one of the cords (46) while performing steps (A) and (B); and

(D) manipulating the broken wire end (44, 54) to prevent the wire end from protruding including securing the broken wire end (44, 54) against an outer surface of the corresponding strand (42) or cord (44) by welding the wire end (44, 54) to a portion of at least one adjacent unbroken wire.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 3, wherein step (D) includes~~ A method of making a tension member for use in an elevator system, comprising:

(A) arranging a plurality of wires (40) into at least one strand (42);

(B) arranging a plurality of the strands (42) into at least one cord (46);

(C) determining that there is at least one broken wire end protruding from at least one of the strands (42) or at least one of the cords (46) while performing steps (A) and (B); and

(D) manipulating the broken wire end (44, 54) to prevent the wire end from protruding including securing the broken wire end (44, 54) against an outer surface of the corresponding strand (42) or cord (44) by adhesively securing the broken wire end (44, 54) to a portion of at least one adjacent unbroken wire.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein step (D) includes twisting the broken wire end (44, 54) around a portion of at least one adjacent unbroken wire.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein step (D) includes cutting off a protruding portion of the wire.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ claim 4, including applying a jacket (24) over the at least one cord and performing steps (C) and (D) in association with the step of applying the jacket (24).

10-18. (Cancelled)